

In the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A fireplace comprising:
  - (a) a firebox;
  - (b) a front wall fastened to the firebox, wherein the firebox and front wall define a combustion chamber, and the front wall at least partially encloses the combustion chamber; and
  - (c) a shelf pivotally mounted to the front wall about a horizontal axis between a closed position wherein the shelf is positioned adjacent to the front wall in a substantially parallel plane and an open position, wherein the shelf is positioned substantially perpendicular to the front wall; and  
wherein at least a portion of the combustion chamber extends vertically along substantially an entire length of the shelf when the shelf is in the closed position adjacent to the front wall.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The fireplace according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein the combustion chamber remains enclosed by the front wall and firebox when the shelf is in [[an]] the open position.
4. (Original) The fireplace according to claim 1 further comprising doors pivotally mounted to the front wall about a vertical axis.
5. (Original) The fireplace according to claim 1 further comprising doors pivotally mounted to the firebox about a vertical axis.
6. (Original) The fireplace according to claim 1 wherein the front wall is fastened to the firebox to form a substantially airtight seal.

7. (Previously Presented) The fireplace according to claim 3 wherein, when the shelf is in the closed position, a portion of the front wall extends from the horizontal axis to an outer end of the shelf, and wherein, when the shelf is in the open position, the portion of the front wall remains to enclose the combustion chamber.

8. (Previously Presented) The fireplace according to claim 7 wherein the combustion chamber extends between the portion of the front wall and the firebox.

9. (Currently Amended) The fireplace according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein, when the shelf is in the open position, a surface of the shelf extending from the horizontal axis to the outer end of the shelf is planar.